



DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELESSNESS AND
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Addressing Homelessness in San Francisco

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Homelessness in San Francisco

- San Francisco and the Bay Area are in the middle of a housing affordability crisis.
- Approximately **7,700 people are unhoused** in San Francisco.
- Every day, the City provides **housing and shelter to over 15,000 people**.
- The pandemic reinforced that housing is both health care and the solution to homelessness.
- Homelessness is a racial equity and housing justice issue.

Racial Equity & Housing Justice

- Homelessness is the result of systemic racism, system flaw, decades of disinvestment and the ever-increasing cost of housing.
- Homelessness continues to disproportionately impact people of color, which is why HSH is working to **increase housing access** for households of color.
 - Intentional racial equity strategy for housing resources like Emergency Housing Vouchers.
 - Expanding language and cultural competency across our system of care.

Homelessness in San Francisco

2022 PIT Count Estimates

7,754 people experiencing homelessness

57% unsheltered

205 families

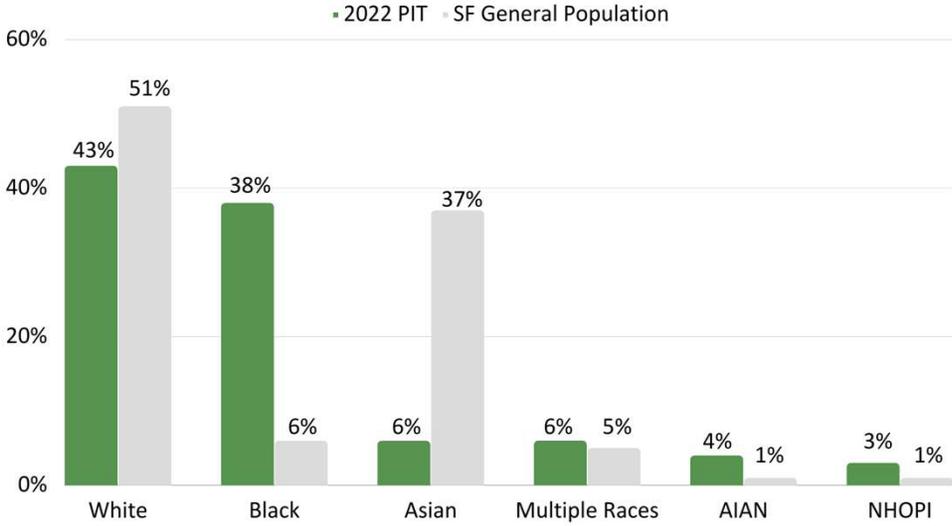
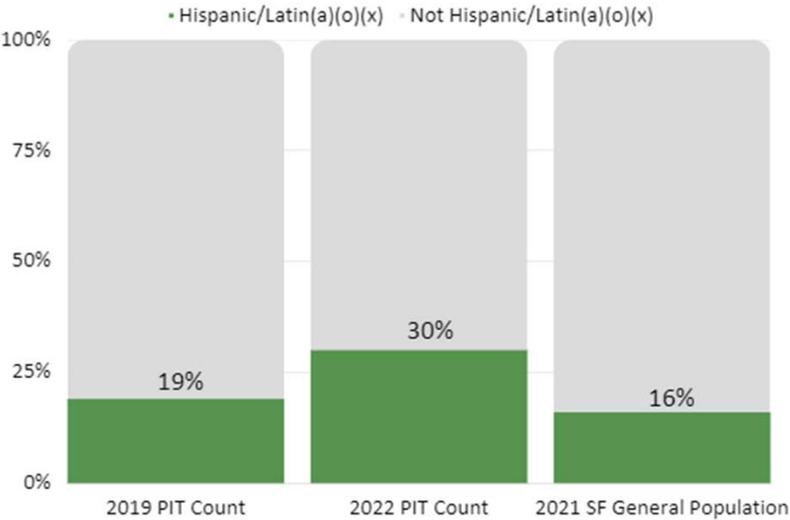
1,073 youth under 24

- 2022 Point-in-Time Count provides best estimate of people experiencing homelessness **on a single night** in San Francisco.
 - **3.5% decrease in overall homelessness** and **15% decrease in unsheltered homelessness** since 2019 PIT Count
- Administrative data indicates as many as **20,000 people** may experience homelessness in San Francisco over the course of a year.

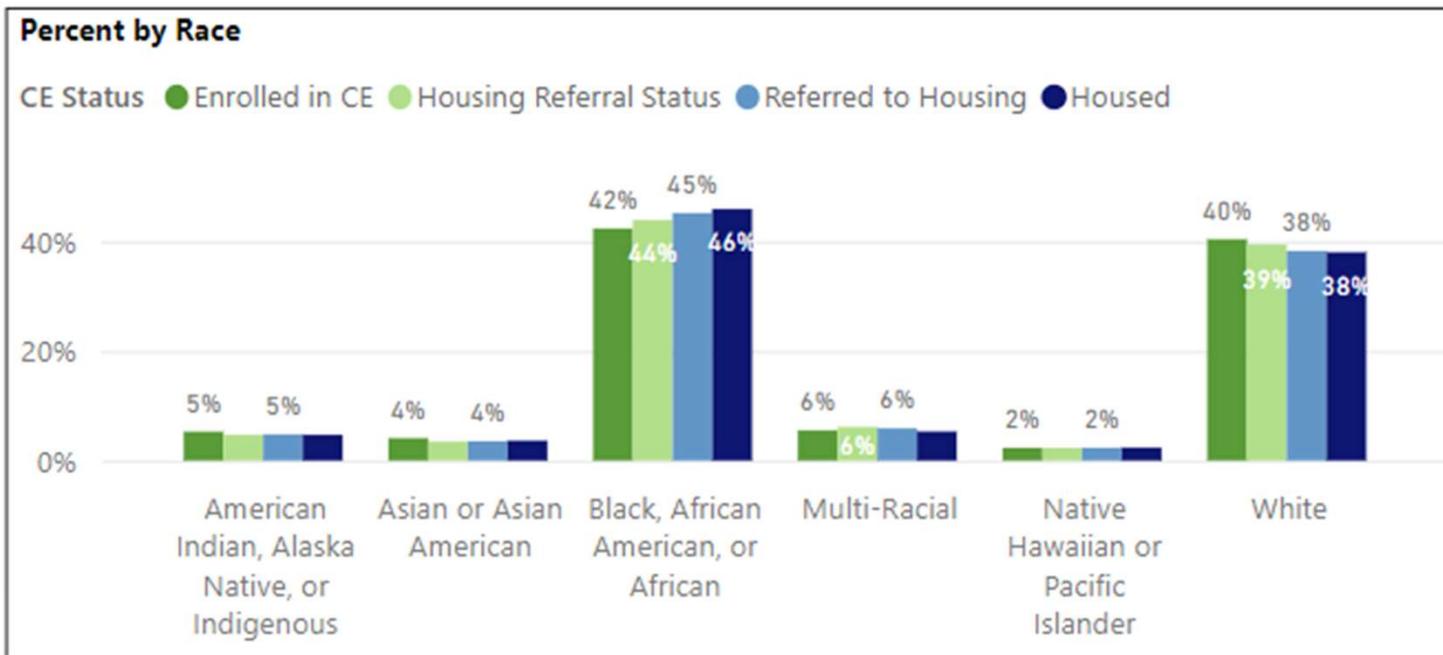
Learn more: [2022 San Francisco Point in Time Count Full Report](#)

Demographics

• Structural & racial justice issue - disproportionate impact on people of color.



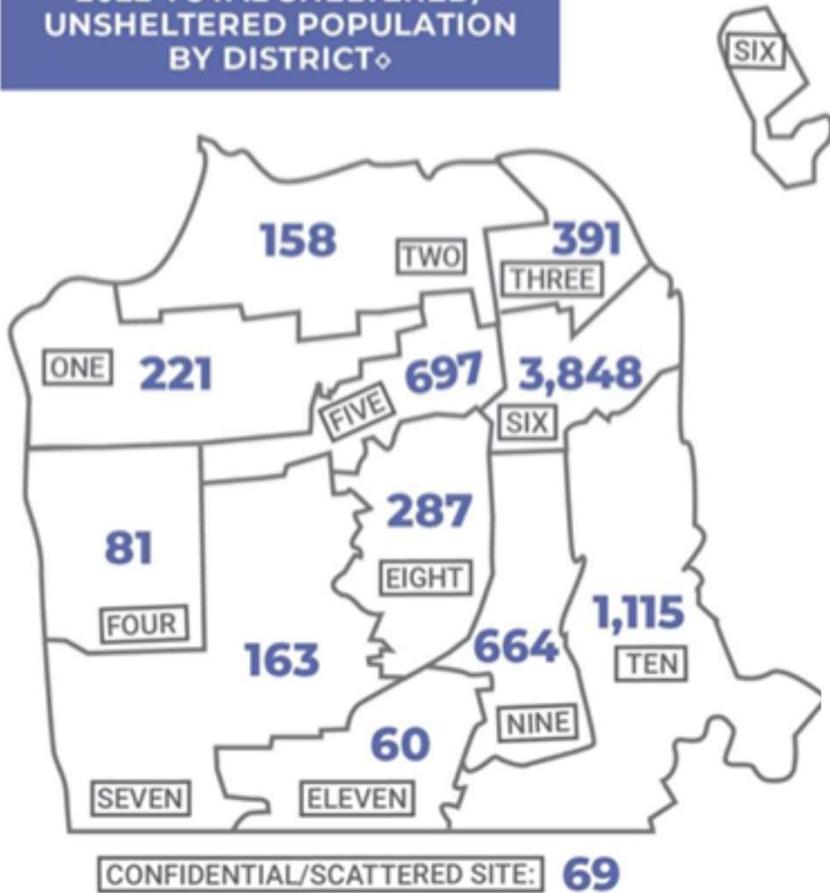
Coordinated Entry & Housing Demographics



[Demographic information available by population and Coordinated Entry Status.](#)

- Data July 2019-March 2023
- New data available quarterly.
- Additional breakouts by population and time frame available on the HSH website.

**2022 TOTAL SHELTERED/
UNSHelterED POPULATION
BY DISTRICT**



Geographic Distribution of Homelessness

District	Percent Total Homeless	Percent Total Resources	Percent Shelter/TH Beds	Percent Housing Beds
1	1.5%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%
2	4.3%	3.3%	5.0%	2.5%
3	7%	10.5%	14.4%	8.9%
4	1.8%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%
5	25.1%	33.6%	20.7%	39.3%
6	29.7%	35.5%	41.6%	32.9%
7	2.9%	0.3%	0.0%	0.5%
8	2.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%
9	10.9%	9.8%	6.9%	11.1%
10	12.8%	5.8%	10.0%	4.0%
11	0.9%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%

Targeted Homelessness Prevention

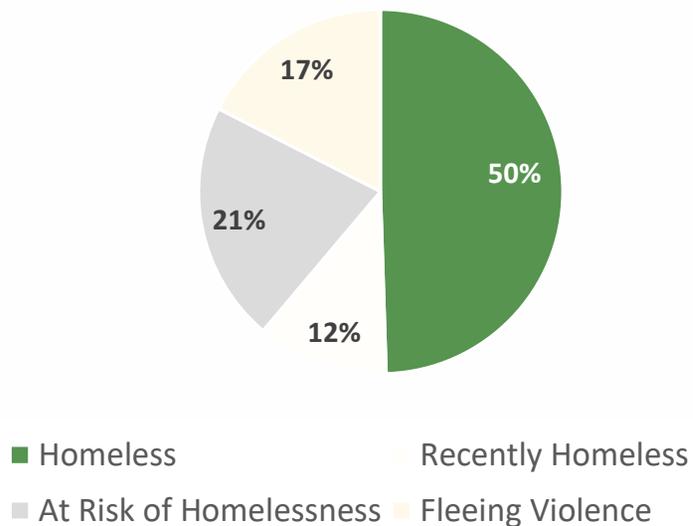
- Voucher strategy for specific neighborhoods
 - Targeting subsidies in neighborhoods that lack the affordable housing stock
 - Strategy to stabilizing neighborhoods
- Targeted homelessness prevention for people most at risk of experiencing homelessness
 - Flexible financial assistance
 - Back rent and prospective rent

HSH Budget Investments

- In Fiscal Year 2022-23 HSH had a departmental budget of approximately \$580 million in programmatic contractual spending.
- Based on the demographic make-up of our programs we estimate that \$238 million or 41% of these resources are going to support Black/African American clients.

Emergency Housing Vouchers: Demonstration of What is Possible

Housed EHV Recipients



Equity Progress Report:

- 90% of applicants referred were BIPOC
 - 57% Black head of households
 - 21% Latine
 - 9% Native American/indigenous
- 10% LGBTQ
- At least a third lived on stayed in the Bayview when they applied.

Black & Brown-Led Provider Capacity Building Support

- HSH's Equity Office is building a three-tiered approach to capacity building & technical assistance for Black-led organizations.
- Through our capacity building work we will build pathways to support existing CBOs within our portfolio and new CBOs to ensure we are targeting disparities among our Black-led providers to ensure they have the same infrastructure, training, and funding as their white-led counterparts to more equitably compete for contracts.
- Funding will be provided to directly through a consultant to support them through the work.

Racial Equity Action Plan: Improving Disparities for Black Residents

- HSH's Racial Equity Action Plan will support Black Residents by ensuring that we are **utilizing data and intersectional justice** to repair the harm caused by systemic racism.
- Our R.E.A.P. supports the strategic plan by **leveraging the input of CBOs and QBIPOC** clients with lived expertise to determine baseline numbers in our HRS and set metrics to reduce and eliminate disparities within the HRS.
- HSH will also continue to work at the city level to more equitably support BIPOC community members and center black residents.
- Developing **alternative testing** methods for exam-specific classifications to ensure we can diversify the applicant pool for positions across the city.

Racial Equity & Housing Justice Strategies

Home by the Bay Equity Objectives:

- Ensure planning and decision making are deeply informed and guided by the expertise, recommendations, and leadership of people with lived experiences of homelessness.
- Build community partnerships and implement capacity-building efforts rooted in equity with BIPOC-led organizations and organizations deeply rooted in historically marginalized neighborhoods and communities.
- Support anti-racist program delivery and the development of an intentionally anti-racist workforce within City departments and offices that serve people experiencing homelessness and within the homelessness response system.
- Develop and implement strategies for reducing observed inequities and ensure that homelessness response system services reach, serve, and achieve equitable outcomes for overrepresented and underserved populations, especially BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ people and people with disabilities.



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Thank you.
Questions?